



Newsletter, October, 2019



Eagle Scout candidate Signs in with trail project

Eagle Scout candidate Aiden Saulnier (right) leads Noah Welch (left) and Taran Ulrichsen (center) in the placement of posts identifying the location of sites on Canonchet Farm's Geology Trail and History Trail. Aiden made the signs and supervised the installation. The Geology Trail is complete and brochure guides are available at the kiosks in the Anne Hoxsie Lane parking lot directly across Route 1A from the Narragansett Town Beach South Pavilion and behind the Narragansett Community Center on



Mumford Road. The History Trail is still a work in progress. The self-guiding brochure should be available in the spring. At right is one of Aiden's signs.

Master Gardener Hall of Fame inducts Woodmansee

Alan Woodmansee was recently honored as a Master Gardener Hall of Fame member. Alan has led the Canonchet Farm Landscape Restoration project for the last three years. He always brings his A game of enthusiasm, competence and leadership to the volunteers on our work days and usually outdoes everyone on the volume of work that he accomplishes. He also brings that same fervor to his Master Gardener tasks. He can always be counted on when there is a need for above-and-beyond effort.



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URI women's crew pulls its weight on the trail

Thirty-five members of the URI women's crew team pitched in on the trail on September 28, in what has become an annual event. They took gravel from a pile near the museum to strengthen an area further along the trail. The outing was somewhat shorter than in past years because the women ran out of gravel long before they could run out of energy. Nonetheless they earned their ice cream reward.



Tai Chi time

More than 40 people participated in Tai Chi exercises on the eastern shore of Lake Canonchet on the morning of September 13 under the direction of Tai Chi instructor, artist and writer Marcia Letourneau. The session began with a demonstration by Marcia's students of a 20-step form. The venue is part of Friends of Canonchet Farm's linear park project along the shores of Lake Canonchet and Little Neck Pond.



Upcoming events:

Sunday, October 27: What's That Plant Growing in My Back Yard!

Join RI Certified invasive plant managers and Friends of Canonchet Farm members Tom Hoagland and Alan Woodmansee on a guided walk along the Canonchet Farm Nature Trail and see the results of our years-long volunteer efforts that have cleared large parts of the trail of invasive plants such as oriental bittersweet, privet, knotweed, porcelain berry, multiflora rose, black swallowwort and garlic mustard. We will discuss identifying characteristics, growth habits, best remediation practices and how to identify these plants in your suburban back yard. We will meet at the Anne Hoxsie Lane entrance across from the Narragansett Town Beach South Pavilion (GPS 39 Boston Neck Road). This walk will be from 1 to 3 pm and is free and open to the public. For information call 783-3951 or 556-6036.

Sunday, December 1: Walk With Us

Join the Friends of Canonchet Farm's traditional Thanksgiving guided walk on Sunday, December 1 from 1 to 3 p.m., led by President Kathie Kelleher. This walk is meant to be a quiet time to recharge our batteries for the upcoming holiday season. Bring a friend and see how a walk in the woods can raise your spirits. Please meet Kathie in the Anne Hoxsie Lane parking lot directly across from the Narragansett Town Beach South Pavilion (GPS 39 Boston Neck Road). This walk is free and will be held rain or shine. For information call 783-3951 or 556-6036.



Jake Brown (left) and Dave Smith hard at work on the trail.